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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: in claim 1, line 12, "tubular" has been **deleted** since it lacks antecedent basis; in the Abstract, line 1, the phrase "is disclosed" has also been **deleted**.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art, alone or in combination, does not disclose a modular, multi-level pet housing comprising a plurality of stacked multi-sided boxes; a plurality of columns of a first length generally less than the height of the side walls and a plurality of columns of a second length generally longer than the height of the side walls, wherein the first and second support columns are joined to each other by a plurality of coupling members; the top and bottom of each box is formed with a plurality of holes that is sized to selectively permit one the tubular members to fit therethrough, but to prevent a coupling member from fitting therethrough.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably Application/Control Number: 10/811,004

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yvonne R. Abbott whose telephone number is (703)308-2866. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone can be reached on (703)306-4198. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Avonne R. Abbott Primary Examiner

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